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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL ECONOMIC MISSION

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1. LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRIME MINISTER DELIVERED MID-DAY TO PETRIGNANI, PRIME MINISTER'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE, PETRIGNANI SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF BRIEF CALL ON PRIME MINISTER.

2. ELEMENT TO BE TAKEN IN CONSIDERATION WHEN SCHEDULING IS DIVISION ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITIES AMONG THREE MINISTRIES: EMILIO COLOMBO, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT, HANDLES TREASURY MINISTRY AND IS PRINCIPAL SPOKESMAN IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. ANTONIO GIOLITTI, SOCIALIST, HEADS MINISTRY OF BUDGET AND ECONOMIC PLANNING. HE AND COLOMBO HAVE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNAL ANTO-INCLATION PROGRAM. MARIO TANASSI, SOCIAL DEMOCRAT, HEADS THE LESS IM-

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PORTANT FINANCE MINISTRY WHICH IS MAINLY CONCERNED WITH REVENUE

COLLECTION. TANASSI IS PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT
CRISIS NOW UNDER WAY.

3. BECAUSE THREE DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTIES ARE REPRESENTED, SEEING
ONE MINISTER WITHOUT SEEING OTHERS IS DELICATE. PRESENT
GOVERNMENT MAKES APPEARANCE OF EVEN-HANDED APPROACH BE
PRESIDENTIAL MISSION ESSENTIAL.

4. MFA IS CONTACTING FOREIGN MINISTER MORO (WHO IS ILL AT HOME)
THIS EVENING TO OBTAIN HIS VIEWS ON TWO POSSIBLE SCHEDULES: (A)
WAIVING PROTOCOL, AMBASSADOR EBERLE WOULD CALL FIRST ON TANASSI
(WHOSE OFFICES ARE IN SUBURBS, 20 MINUTES FROM CIAMPINO AIRPORT,
THEN ON COLOMBO AND GIOLITTI, WHO HAVE ADJACENT OFFICES, AND
FINALLY ON MORO, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT FOREIGN MINISTRY. ALTERNATE
(B) WOULD REQUIRE INITIAL CALL ON MORO, WITH OTHER CALLS AND WORKING
LUNCH FITTED IN AS POSSIBLE WITHIN TIGHT SCHEDULE. MINISTRY
OFFICIALS HOPE TO HAVE MORO REACTION BY TOMORROW MORNING.
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